

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 858 - HB 1218**

February 14, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the local county election commission to notify the State Coordinator of Elections, the Registry of Election Finance and all candidates in that race when a write-in notice is timely filed. The local county election commission is required to publish the information in a newspaper of general circulation.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$20,000\***

Assumptions:

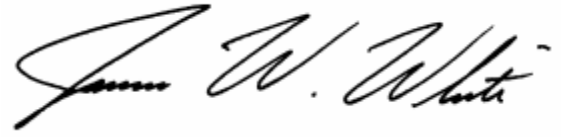
- Candidates for offices described in TCA 2-5-103 file notice with the State Coordinator of Elections who would then be required to publish that information in a newspaper of general circulation.
- Candidates for all other offices would file notice with the local county election commission who would then be required to publish such notice accordingly.
- Based on the cost of recent publications, the cost of posting either state or local legal notices is estimated to be approximately \$20,000.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director